

**Messages from the President:** Senate received the following messages from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, a notice relative to the continuation of the national emergency with respect to the actions and policies of certain members of the Government of Zimbabwe and other persons to undermine Zimbabwe's democratic processes or institutions; which was referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs. (PM-10)

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Transmitting, pursuant to the provisions of section 1512 of the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999 (Public Law 105-261), certification that the export of two environmental chambers to be used to test automotive parts is not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry and will not measurably improve missile or space launch capabilities of the People's Republic of China; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations. (PM-11)

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**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Ronald C. Sims, of Washington, to be Deputy Secretary of Department of Housing and Urban Development.

John Berry, of the District of Columbia, to be Director of the Office of Personnel Management for a term of four years.

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**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—80)

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**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 7:06 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 5, 2009. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2778.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### CHILDREN'S NUTRITION

*Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine improving nutrition for America's children in difficult economic times, after receiving testimony from Katie Wilson, Onalaska School District, Onalaska, Wisconsin; Susan Bartlett, Abt Associates Inc., Cambridge, Massachusetts; Connie K. Boldt, Knoxville Community Schools, Knoxville, Iowa; David M. Page, The John Hopkins University, Baltimore, Maryland; Lucy Nolan, End Hunger Connecticut!, Hartford; and Kenneth Hecht, California Food Policy Advocates, Oakland.

### BUDGET

*Committee on Finance:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine the President's proposed budget for fiscal year 2010, after receiving testimony from Timothy F. Geithner, Secretary of the Treasury.

### IRAN

*Committee on Foreign Relations:* Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing to examine the Iran status report, focusing on nuclear and political issues, from national security briefers.

### FINANCIAL GOVERNANCE SYSTEMIC RISK AND BREAKDOWN

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine systemic risk and breakdown of financial governance, after receiving testimony from Robert E. Litan, Ewing Marion Kauffman Foundation, Kansas City, Missouri; Damon A. Silvers, American Federation of Labor and Congress of Industrial Organizations (AFL-CIO), Washington, D.C.; and Robert C. Pozen, MFS Investment Management, Boston, Massachusetts.

### TAX HAVEN BANKS

*Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs:* Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations concluded a hearing to examine financial institutions which are located in offshore tax havens and which use practices that facilitate tax evasion and other misconduct by United States clients, after receiving testimony from John DiCicco, Acting Assistant Attorney General, Tax Division, Department of Justice; Doug Shulman, Commissioner, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury; and Mark Branson, UBS Global Wealth Management and Swiss Bank, Zurich, Switzerland.

## NONPARTISAN COMMISSION OF INQUIRY

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine a nonpartisan commission of inquiry, after receiving testimony from Thomas R. Pickering, Hills and Company, and David B. Rivkin, Jr., Baker Hostetler LLP, both of Washington, D.C.; Lee F. Gunn, Vice Admiral, USN (Ret.), Institute for Public Research, and Jeremy A. Rabkin, George Mason University School of Law, both of Arlington, Virginia; John J. Farmer, Jr., Arseneault, Whipple, Farmer, Fassett, and Azzarello, LLP, Chatham, New Jersey; and Frederick A.O. Schwarz, Jr., New York University School of Law Brennan Center for Justice, New York.

## HEALTH CARE REFORM

*Special Committee on Aging:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine health reform in an aging America, after receiving testimony from Thomas E. Hamilton, Center for Medicaid and State Operations, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Karen E. Timberlake, Wisconsin Department of Health Services, Madison; Holly Benson, Florida Agency for Health Care Administration, Tallahassee; Henry Claypool, Paraprofessional Healthcare Institute (PHI), New York, New York; Melanie Bella, Center for Health Care Strategies, Hamilton, New Jersey; and Judith Feder, Georgetown University, Washington, D.C.

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# House of Representatives

## Chamber Action

**Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced:** 25 public bills, H.R. 1292–1318; and 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 37; and H. Res. 206–210 were introduced.

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**Additional Cosponsors:**

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**Report Filed:** A report was filed today as follows:

H. Res. 205, providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 1106) to prevent mortgage foreclosures and enhance mortgage credit availability (H. Rept. 111–23).

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**Speaker:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Jackson-Lee (TX) to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.

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**Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, Chaplain Cherita Potter, National Chaplain, American Legion Auxiliary, Seaside, Oregon.

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**Recess:** The House recessed at 10:05 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Right Honorable Gordon Brown, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. The House reconvened at 12:45 p.m., and agreed that the proceedings had during the Joint Meeting be printed in the Record.

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**Joint Meeting to receive the Right Honorable Gordon Brown, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland:** The House and Senate met in a joint session to receive the Right Honorable Gordon Brown, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. He was escorted into the

Chamber by a committee comprised of Representatives Hoyer, Clyburn, Larson (CT), Becerra, DeLauro, Skelton, Berman, Neal (MA), McIntyre, Watson, Chandler, Boehner, Cantor, Pence, McCotter, McMorris Rodgers, Carter, McCarthy (CA), Ros-Lehtinen, King (NY), McHugh, and Petri; and Senators Reid, Durbin, Kerry, Dodd, Feingold, Boxer, Cardin, Webb, Shaheen, Kaufman, McConnell, Kyl, Lugar, Corker, Isakson, Risch, Barrasso, and Wicker.

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**Suspensions:** The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

*Recognizing Beverly Eckert's service to the Nation and particularly to the survivors and families of the September 11, 2001, attacks:* H. Res. 201, to recognize Beverly Eckert's service to the Nation and particularly to the survivors and families of the September 11, 2001, attacks, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 419 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 94;

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*Recognizing and honoring the employees of the Department of Homeland Security on its sixth anniversary for their continuous efforts to keep the Nation safe:* H. Res. 195, to recognize and honor the employees of the Department of Homeland Security on its sixth anniversary for their continuous efforts to keep the Nation safe, by a  $\frac{2}{3}$  ye-and-nay vote of 418 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 95;

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*Raising awareness and promoting education on the criminal justice system by establishing March as "National Criminal Justice Month":* H. Res. 45, to raise awareness and promote education on the